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Transmitted herewith for filing is a 37-page patent specification including 23 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-16 on 16 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Jorge L. Gardea-Torresdey, Jason G. Parsons, Jose R. Peralta-Videa, Eduardo Gomez and Miguel Jose-Yacaman for the captioned invention.

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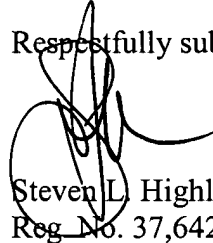
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